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BOY'S ERROR
CAUSES DEATH

Engineer of Train Gets Clear Signal and Awful Wreck Ensues.

BOTH CREWS ARE KILLED

Operator Claims That the Proper Measures Had Been Taken and That Boy Caused the Damage.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 16.—Through the alleged interference of a messenger boy, a wreck was caused on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad east of Cumberland early today, in which four employees of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were killed and three injured.

THE DEAD.

W. T. Simms, engineer.
W. J. Moran, fireman.
D. H. Sneeberger, fireman.
John Butler, engineer.

THE INJURED.

T. J. Hendrix, conductor, Baltimore.
W. N. Christopher, engineer, Baltimore.
Kinney, conductor, Cumberland.

The wreck was due to the displaying of a false signal, giving a clear track for eastbound passenger train No. 16, when in the next block ahead there was standing on the track a caboose and two engines. The passenger train was drawn by two engines, and these crashed through the caboose and engines which obstructed the track. Luckily the train had not attained its full speed, and was only moving at the rate of about 20 miles an hour when the collision came. The postal car of the passenger train was derailed, but the passenger coaches did not leave the track and the occupants escaped injury.

It is charged that a messenger boy named Turner, who was in the block tower when No. 16 came along, and hearing the engineer's whistle for clear tracks, pulled a lever, giving him a clear signal.

The operator had, it is explained, previously set the signal at danger. While his attention was being devoted to communicating with the block station, the boy, it is alleged, pulled the lever that gave the oncoming train the signal that it had a clear block ahead and the tower operator was not aware of what was done until the crash came.

GONZALES IS STILL ALIVE
BUT LITTLE HOPE FOR HIM

He and His Friends Insist that the Courts Must Settle the Trouble—Prisoner Takes Situation Coolly.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—Editor N. G. Gonzales was holding his own at 9 o'clock tonight. There had been no change for either better or worse since last night. The crisis is yet to come. The best doctors in the state are doing all they can to save his life but hold out little hope of recovery. At the same time, Gonzales is making a plucky fight for life. As he has a strong constitution, excellent habits and resolute will, it is thought there is a chance that he may pull through, notwithstanding his critical condition and the serious nature of the wound.

While there is a great deal of feeling over the affair there is no thought of violence against Tillman on the part of Gonzales. Gonzales and his friends say that the matter should be left for the courts to settle.

Tillman took things calmly at the county jail, spending most of the day in consultation with his lawyers.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

Determined Stand Will Be Taken Against Packinghouse Merger.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—The sixth annual session of the National Livestock association adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon to meet next year at Portland, Ore., after electing all the old officers for the ensuing year and taking the initiative in a sympathetic campaign of legislation against the proposed packinghouse merger.

Wm. A. Springer, general counsel for the association in a spirited address outlined a bill which he has formulated, "To protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraint and monopolies" and which he said was merely an adaptation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Hoar bill now pending in the senate.

In the discussion that followed President John W. Springer said that the bill along the lines suggested by Judge Springer would be printed within a

week by the association and sent to every legislature in the land. In further discussing the subject President Springer said that if the proposed merger was ever consummated the National Livestock association would string packinghouses from Chicago to San Francisco.

In response to an appeal from the legislative committee for a legislative fund, \$7500 was subscribed in less than 20 minutes.

IGNORANT DEPOSITORS
MAKE RUN ON BANK

Italians Got Institutions Mixed and Proceeded to Draw Out Fast and Furious.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 16.—A run that was begun on Wednesday on the East Chester Savings bank in this city was continued yesterday. All claims were promptly paid and the officials have ample funds and are ready to meet all demands. Up to noon between \$100,000 and \$150,000 had been withdrawn.

The run resulted from a mistake of numerous small depositors, many of them ignorant Italians, who seem to have got the East Chester Savings bank mixed with the Bank of Mount Vernon, which is a state bank. When the management took charge of the Bank of Mount Vernon the announcement was made that two percent would be paid on deposits. The small depositors of the savings bank seemed to have got an idea that this would affect them. Then on Tuesday last Justice Gaynor of the supreme court, on the application of James Reynolds, granted an order on the Bank of Mount Vernon to show cause why a referee should not be appointed to examine the bank's affairs, which, Mr. Reynolds' attorneys, have been mismanaged. This action added to the anxiety of the savings bank depositors, who still had the banks confused, and the run was the result.

CHINESE GOVERNOR ALLOWS
AND ENCOURAGES REBELLION.

Notorious Scoundrel Subject of Severe Criticism—France May Become Seriously Involved.

New York, Jan. 16.—In reference to the reported serious rebellion in the Kwangsi province, a dispatch to the Times from Shanghai, by way of London, says that the native press states that the provincial governor, Wang Chi Chun, purposely permits an increase of brigandage, magnifying the operations of the local banditti into a serious rebellion with the deliberate purpose of afterward invoking the assistance of the French troops.

Stress is laid upon the governor's former record in the Nganwhis province and elsewhere, and his notorious capacity for venality. His recent decoration by the French government does not escape comment.

The dispatch also announces that in response to the memorial presented to the throne by Viceroy Yuan Shih Kiki, Sheng is permitted to retain control of the capital telegraph system to allow of his winding up the financial year.

NOT A POUND SOLD.

Thirty Thousand Tons of Coal Held at Fancy Prices.

New York, Jan. 16.—Not a pound of railroad coal could be had in the city yesterday. Thirty thousands tons arrived, but it was all high-priced, independent coal, which sold at \$10.50 f. o. b., which meant 50 cents additional cost for each ton before it could be brought to this side of the river.

There was great indignation because none of the dealers could obtain the \$5 road coal. The sales agents of the railroad companies were asked where the \$5 coal was, who got it, or if any of it could be obtained, they gave evasive answers. The dealers were therefore compelled to buy the independent coal at \$10.50 or go without it.

PROVE ESTIMULATING.

Londoners Rather Enjoy the Cold Snap Than Otherwise.

New York, Jan. 16.—The extreme cold weather is proving stimulating and invigorating from the dryness of the air, while it is impracticable to heat either private residences or clubhouses, there are few complaints, and even invalids find the crisp, wholesome air bracing, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. Mr. Balfour continues to improve and his intimate friends pronounce his treatment as cautious and unduly prudent. Several men of letters, who had taken refuge in the south of England from acute attacks of influenza, are back in London, exhilarated by the cold weather.

REV. FISKE DEAD.

Newburyport, Mass., Jan. 16.—Daniel T. Fiske, for 55 years pastor of the Belleville Congregational church here, died suddenly last night. He was president of Andover seminary for many years and was also president of the board of trustees of Amherst college.

CUBAN ARMY
MAY REVOLT

Delay Shown in Paying Them Causes Threatening Letter to Be Sent Out.

GENERALS BACK MOVEMENT

Officials Do Not Believe Serious Results Will Ensnare, but Arrangements Are Under Way to Settle Up.

New York, Jan. 16.—Former members of the Cuban army are becoming restless, a Havana dispatch to the Tribune asserts; in fact, they are beginning to threaten the government that if not paid by March they will act. The general of the insurgent army has handed to the correspondent a printed manifesto which is most incendiary in tone. It is addressed to the country and to the powers. Among other things it says:

"The obligation of the government to pay the army is a sacred one. The liberating troops have waited patiently, but everything has a limit. The liberating army will not wait longer than March for the completion of the work of the soldiers. We will not be put off by the pretext that revision of army lists necessitates delay nor will we accept any other delay. The liberating army is disposed to call the attention of Europe, pacifically but energetically, to the fact that we do not care to create interior disturbances if no longer time is asked to pay us than March; otherwise the army will reunite and occupy every town from Point Maizi to Cape San Antonio, pacifically."

This circular is regarded as a direct threat to revolt, although officials express doubts of such a probability. It is known, however, that several prominent generals are behind the movement. Such measures will hardly be necessary though, as the government will pay the army immediately on negotiation of the loan of \$5,000,000, which will be made in April.

MANIA FOR SENDING MONEY
ORDERS TO GREAT MEN.

Amounts Are Anywhere From Five Cents to One Dollar and are Sent by a Man Who Must Be Crazy.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—A man who calls himself Sam Sanders and is reported to reside in Lexington, Miss., has been flooding the local postoffice with money orders for five cents and upward made payable to President Roosevelt, Senator Platt, Senator Depew, Senator Murphy, ex-Governor Hill, Bird S. Coler, Richard Croker, the late President McKinley and the late Speaker Thomas B. Reed. The amount of each order was five cents with the exception of one sent to David B. Hill for one dollar, intended as a retainer in a legal case and received by Mr. Hill yesterday. Mr. Hill and the other recipients ignored the order.

The postoffice officials have been annoyed by this man for the past two or three years and several years ago the postmaster-general notified the postmaster at Lexington, Miss., to stop issuing money orders for such small amounts to Sanders. This had the desired effect until a few days ago when a money order sent by Sanders and issued to Bird S. Coler was received in this city from Pickens, Miss.

It is believed that Sanders must have had some trouble with the authorities at the above named postoffice in Mississippi, for he journeyed to Ebenezer, Miss., about 40 miles distant from the other places mentioned to send his latest orders.

WOMAN, LOVELY WOMAN.

But Nevertheless, This One Succeeded in Robbing a Bank.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 16.—A special to the Miner from Red Lodge, Mont., says that in the arrests of last night of Jack Kirby and Wm. Judeman for complicity in the daring hold-up of the Bridger bank about a month ago, the authorities have unearthed the sensational fact that the robbery was planned by a woman well known in this section and executed with the knowledge of at least eight different parties all living in Carbon county.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Women Will Not Be Allowed to Conduct Proposed Contest.

New York, Jan. 16.—Referring to the proposed mouse-killing contest in Stamford, Conn., which it is proposed to make a feature of a cat show, John P. Haines, president of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals said:

WAR CLAIMS
ARE PASSED

Iowa Company Unable to Overcome Frauds Perpetrated Long Ago.

LIVELY SCENES ON FLOOR

Hot Contest Over the Presentation of Southern Claims for Supplies Taken During the Civil War.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The house devoted the day to private war claims, passing about 20.

Two features of the day were the defeat of the claims of B. F. Moody and Company of Keokuk, Ia., for a payment to the Third Iowa cavalry by the commission which unearthed the army contract frauds in St. Louis in 1863 and the fight of Payne, floor leader of the majority, against an omnibus resolution to refer 90 southern claims, aggregating \$400,000 for stores and supplies taken by the Union army during the Civil war, to the court of claims for a finding of fact under the Tucker act. The former bill led to a lively controversy between two Iowa members, Smith and Hedges.

A combination in favor of the omnibus claims resolution was too strong for Payne but on the final vote the quorum failed. As the previous question had been ordered voted on the adoption of the resolution will be the first thing in order on next claims day.

CASTRO MAY OBTAIN LOAN.

American Capitalists Interested in Plan to Relieve Distress.

Caracas, Jan. 16.—President Castro has issued a decree which opens the Venezuelan-Colombian frontier to trade from Colombia.

S. Mallett, provost of New York, has arrived here. He is said to represent American capitalists interested in the financing of a loan to cover the claims of the allies against Venezuela.

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